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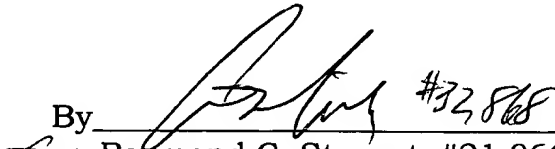
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Sir:

The PTO is requested to use the amended sheets/claims attached hereto (which correspond to Article 34 amendments or to claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report) during prosecution of the above-identified national phase PCT application. Please also use the claims provided in the International Application as only claim 1 has been amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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